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1. The principal task of the Presseabteilung (Press Section) of the SED is not to deal with the press so much as to provide for the training of SED members, whether functionaries or not. The Presseabteilung is intended to be the guardian of the Party's true ideological principles in order that the Party members should not as heretofore waver between KPD and SPD ideologies, but should have one uniform SED ideology. Training alone cannot overcome SPD-KPD opposition inside the Party, and the political framework must, therefore, be broadened.
2. The political education of Party members is envisaged on the following lines:
 - a. Educational evenings, that might be termed political educational evenings, which will consist not merely of the teaching of pure Party dogma, but will also provide comrades with the necessary knowledge and background for the understanding of higher politics.
 - b. Particular importance is attached to the Kreisschulen, since the instructors and leaders of the "educational evenings" are to be trained at them. The Kreisschule should hold a fourteen day course, attended by forty to fifty members. Good progress has already been made, as a number of such schools are already in being, and it should be possible to train a nucleus of about 150,000 men and women teachers during this winter.
 - c. Landesschulen have already been established in all Länder and Provinces of the zone, and all are run on uniform lines. At these institutions teachers for the Kreisschulen were to receive three to three and a half weeks training, and then return later for a refresher course. It is now intended, however, that the preliminary course should be increased to three months, as it has been found that many members are still indoctrinated with the old principles, and have not absorbed a sufficient amount of the new material, with the result that much harm has been done in this respect. On an average, three persons from each Kreis will be trained as teachers at each course.
 - d. The apex of the training program will be the Karl Marx Hochschule. Training, both of teachers for the whole range of Party work, and of functionaries for influential positions inside the parties.

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will be undertaken at this school. The FDGB has already asked for functionaries from this school and wishes to send its own functionaries there for training. Each course is to last six months and the students will normally be selected from the younger and more capable comrades.

3. If the training is not carried out on these thorough lines, a unified ideology throughout the Party will never be achieved.
4. The Karl Marx Hochschule should ultimately achieve a capacity of several hundred students per course, since the shortage of functionaries of the new style is so great that thousands need to be trained.

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